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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Eagle is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July:

For Congress
HON. RUFUS HARDY,
of Corsicana.

For Representative
DR. J. L. FOUNTAIN

CITY ELECTION

For Mayor
J. T. MALONEY.
For Alderman.
C. E. BULLOCK
H. A. BURGER

BRYAN, TEXAS, APRIL 6, 1910.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

Hon. Cone Johnson, in his speech here last Wednesday, made a strong argument in favor of a reform of court procedure in the course of which he said that under existing statutes, shrewd lawyers can, and in many instances do, defeat the ends of justice. He did not censure the lawyers, however, but on the contrary, exonerated them from all blame. Herein he was wrong. It is the lawyers and their tools, professional witnesses, who are chiefly to blame. Of these Judge Kirilicks of Houston corporation court, recently said in an interview.

"Witnesses are ready and willing to give false and corrupt testimony in every case and there are lawyers and law firms throughout the country who make it their business to put false testimony into the mouths of witnesses. The manufacturing of evidence is as common as the manufacturing of shoes and as shoes are fitted to all feet, evidence is fitted to all cases."

Judge Kirilicks has had twenty years experience on the bench of the Houston corporation court, and of course, knows whereof he speaks. In explanation of his averse strictures, he said, further:

"I do not wish to hurt or misrepresent any lawyer or any law firm in saying this. I am condemning a practice which is almost universal in the United States, a practice which engenders contempt for the law, operating as it does, successfully toward the defeat of the law."

Judge Kirilicks was of the opinion that the corruption practiced in the courts, the willingness of some attorneys to manufacture evidence and the readiness of men who serve as witnesses to mouth this evidence under oath, was responsible for the inability of the court to convict where convictions should be had, and for the consequent disregard of the law.

It is by no means just to include all lawyers in this condemnation, for some members of the profession are as honest, truthful and patriotic as the best of men of other classes of citizens. There are too many, unscrupulous members of this honorable profession who are ever ready to sell not only justice, but their own souls for money. Such are chiefly responsible for the frequent murders, the prevalent bribery, the general corruption that are sapping the foundations of free government.

STUDENTS AND SALOONS.

An Austin special says: "The city of Austin proposes to pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for a student or minor to enter into a saloon or buy a drink. This is rather a radical step but the members of the council apparently favor the proposition and an ordinance, it is understood, will be passed on the subject.

County Attorney Kyrie Thrasher conferred with the city council on the subject and urged the passage of the proposed ordinance. He explained that he had talked the matter over with the governor and the latter favored the plan. The saloon men of Austin are also in favor of the proposed ordinance. The state law now imposes a heavy fine on saloons for selling liquor to students or minors."

There is a state law imposing penalties on saloon-keepers who allow students or minors to enter their places of business or who sell them liquors. Every time this law is violated there are two parties to the transaction. Morally they are both equally guilty, and there is no reason why the civil law should punish the one and excuse the other.

QUITE A COINCIDENCE.

Yesterday afternoon's Eagle contained a story of a Greek who, with others, was captured in Chinese Tartary, and upon a charge of being a robber, was tattooed as a punishment from head to foot, not leaving a quarter of a square inch on his entire person that was not marked by the tattoo needle. Dr. J. W. Cavitt informed the reporter today that he knew the man in Philadelphia, and showed us his picture. The man bore the same name and the circumstances as he related them to Dr. Cavitt, exactly coincided with the story in the Eagle, except he said they were captured for exciting the natives to rebellion and not for robbery. The man told Dr. Cavitt there were three of them and all were tattooed, but the other two died under the operation.

What is Eugenics? It is a new fad, or rather an old fad under a new name, that is now much affected by certain society people who delight in the sensational. The word "eugenics" means the science of good birth. This is a captivating name. But no word, in itself good, was ever more disgracefully abused. The cult to which it is applied is the same old free love doctrine of half a century ago, the advocates of which were driven out of every respectable community in the United States where an attempt was made to introduce it. The leaders and their followers fled to the wilderness and founded colonies in various places, one of which was in Texas, in Nueces county, on Laguna Madre. But it has been years since the last vestige of this colony of moral lepers disappeared. Bernard Shaw, the playwright, is the chief apostle of the new free love.

In his address to the Chicago newspaper men, President Taft said: "A newspaper man who does his task rightly is a man who furnishes the facts as they are without respect to whom they hurt or help." This is quite true, but why limit it to newspaper men? The same principle applied to statesmen would have kept Mr. Taft from distorting the facts in the Ballinger investigation and in the tariff discussion.

In every case of official dishonesty there are hundreds who lose to one who gains. The only reason why grafters are permitted to continue their grafting is because they manage to fool this big majority. Honest government is money saved to ninety-nine in every hundred, therefore, it is to the interest of the ninety-nine to favor honest government.

Mr. Colquitt has found out which way the wind blows—he is now saying that if the people want submission and will ask for it according to the constitution, he will not oppose it. This is hedging, pure and simple. Mr. Colquitt has discovered that the people are determined to have submission and will not permit their demands already expressed at the ballot box, to be ignored.

The Galveston Tribune, says: "A man who has made a fool of himself about a woman has the consolation of knowing he had a good excuse." That depends upon the kind of woman. Some of the sex would be a very poor excuse for any man to make himself a fool about.

The familiar song, "A Boy's Best Friend is His Mother," owes its popularity to its truth. It is equally true that a girl's best friend is her father. A good mother can do much for a girl but she cannot give her daughter the advice she most needs. A father's experience makes him the best adviser of his daughter. It is a good thing for a girl to be chumming with Dad.

A Washington correspondent relates that Seno E. Payne, republican floor leader, put his arm around Representative Poolger of New York. A certain distinguished Texan owes a large share of his popularity to his knowing how and when and where and whom to hug. It tickles some little men nearly to death to be hugged by a big man.

The ovation that greeted Poindexter in Gainesville (Joe Bailey's home town) is reported to have been far and away more enthusiastic than the reception of Colquitt. And why should it not have been so? Senator Bailey is for Poindexter and it is natural that his personal friends and neighbors should be influenced by his example.

We all remember how the organs of the corporations and of the liquor dealers' association were hoping and praying last fall that Davidson would not enter the race for governor and what a sensation his announcement made. Well, there will be another panic in that crowd on the 21st, when Davidson opens his campaign.

Mr. Roosevelt canceled his engagement to have an interview with Pope Plus X, because the pontiff imposed condition that he could not, as a free American citizen, submit to. The incident is regrettable, but all true Americans are glad that the ex-president maintained the dignity of American citizenship.

The Argentine government is encouraging the cultivation of cotton in that country by offering prizes. If this effort should prove as successful as the competition of Argentina with us in wheat, in meats and in wool, Argentine cotton will become a large factor in the markets of the world.

That dam proposition is being discussed in Austin again. A recent can-

When Making Your Spring Purchases

DON'T FORGET

Kuppenheimer's Hand-Tailored Clothing
Stetson and Crofut-Knapp Soft and Stiff
Johnston & Murphy and Howard & Sons
Shoes

Manhattan and Emery Shirts
Onyx and Interwoven Hosiery
Crown Make Belts and Suspenders
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As long as William J. Bryan lives the people will be feared by the beneficiaries of special privileges, for they know then?

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